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AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO DECEMBER 7, 2001 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/768,494

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Sir:

In response to the December 7, 2001 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: MAR 12 May

In the claims:1

Please cancel claims 23, 51-52, and 54-56 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2-4, 12, 13, and 24-27 as follows:

¹ Applicants have provided a marked-up version of the amended claims in Appendix A, and a clean set of all pending claims, amended to date, is included in Appendix B.